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UA 111/98 **Incommunicado Detention / Fear of torture / Ill-treatment** **9 April 1998**

EAST TIMOR
Jose de Deus, 22
Francisco Barreto, 27
Amancio Perreira, 27
Fernando dos Santos, 27
Eco dos Santos, 25

There are serious fears that the five above named East Timorese men may be at risk of torture or ill-treatment while held in incommunicado detention.

Jose de Deus, Francisco Barreto, Amancio Perreira, and Fernando dos Santos, all farmers, were arrested in Ilomar, Lautem, East Timor on 23 March 1998. Eco dos Santos is believed to have been arrested on 28 March in the same area.

All five were reportedly detained by the Indonesian Armed Forces (ABRI) and accused of cooperating with the armed resistance in East Timor, the East Timor National Liberation Army (Falintil). They are believed to still be in custody, but it is not clear where they are being held. They have apparently not had access to independent legal counsel.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
East Timorese people taken into military and police custody face the risk of being tortured and ill-treated, particularly in the early stages of detention, when interrogation usually takes place. Individuals suspected of involvement with the East Timorese armed resistance are at particular risk.

Indonesia's Code of Criminal Procedures, which provides detainees with the right to independent legal counsel at all stages of an investigation, are frequently ignored by the military and the police. Detainees are routinely denied access to legal counsel and to their families, thereby increasing the risk of ill-treatment and torture.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/faxes/express/airmail letters in Bahasa Indonesia or English or your own language:
- urging the authorities to clarify the whereabouts of the five men and the charges under which they are being held;
- urging the authorities to allow them immediate and regular access to human rights lawyers and to their families;
- urging the authorities to ensure that the men are not at risk of torture or ill-treatment.

APPEALS TO: (Please note: Fax numbers in Indonesia are often difficult to get through to)
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and to diplomatic representatives of Indonesia accredited to your country.

PLEASE SEND APPEALS IMMEDIATELY. Check with the International Secretariat, or your section office, if sending appeals after 23 May 1998.